

Letter from Annie G. Wilkinson to Alexander Graham Bell, January 23, 1884

School of Vocal Physiology, 18 BEACON STREET, BOSTON. CONDUCTED BY ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL, Professor of Vocal Physiology in the Boston University, ASSISTED BY GRADUATES OF THE SCHOOL.

Reception hours from 2 to 4 o'clock.

ARRANGEMENT OF CLASSES FOR 1876–7.

1. Normal Class for Articulation Teachers.

The full course, entitling the student to Diploma of Graduation, extends from the middle of October to the middle of May, and consists of one hour's instruction daily (excepting Saturday), with the privilege of witnessing the instruction given to Classes II, III, and IV. Special arrangements are made with the Boston University for additional instruction in the School of Oratory.

FIRST TERM. Opens October 11, Closes December 22, 1876.

Subjects of Instruction: Acoustics; Vocal Physiology; Bell's Physiological Alphabet known as "Visible Speech."

Text-Books. "Visible Speech the Science of Universal Alphabetics;" "Line-Writing and Elliptical Steno-Phonography upon the basis of Visible Speech."

Students who take this course alone are "Undergraduates," and "Members of the Junior Class for Articulation Teachers." They are qualified to give instruction in articulation to "semi-mutes," to correct minor defects of speech, and to impart to others a knowledge of

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the Physiological Alphabet. An examination upon the subjects included in this course will be held at the Boston University on the 22d of December, 1876.

SECOND TERM. Opens January 8, Closes May 16, 1877.

Subjects of Instruction: Methods of teaching Articulation to the Deaf; Methods of Correcting Defects of Speech, including Stammering, Stuttering, Lispering, Burring, &c.; Methods of correcting dialectic and foreign peculiarities of utterance and of teaching the sounds of foreign languages; Culture of the Speaking-Voice, including methods of teaching applicable to the deaf; "Lip-Reading," or the art of understanding speech by watching the mouth, including practical methods of teaching the art to those who are deaf; Methods of educating the deaf at present in use; Dactylology, Practical directions how to educate a deaf child at home.

An examination upon the subjects of instruction given in this course will be held at the Boston University on the 16th of May, 1877.

Students who take this course alone are "Undergraduates," and "Members of the Senior Class for Articulation Teachers," and are qualified to give instruction in articulation to "semi-mutes," to correct stammering and other defects of speech, and to undertake the general education of a deaf child at home.

Students who take both of the above courses of study are "Graduates," and are qualified to teach articulation to the congenitally deaf; to teach the sounds of foreign languages; to correct dialectic and foreign peculiarities of speech; and to communicate the methods of teaching articulation to other teachers.

Pupils of Graduates will be admitted to the examinations for both courses of instruction on equal terms with members of the classes.

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Examiners: Prof. A. Melville Bell, Prof. Alex. Graham Bell, and Graduates of the School of Vocal Physiology.

Expenses: Terms for the complete course, \$100. One-half is payable at the beginning of each term.

II. Class for Stammerers.

The full course extends from the middle of October to the middle of May, and consists of one hour's instruction daily (excepting Saturday).

FIRST TERM. Opens October 11, Closes December 22, 1876.

Subjects of Instruction: The Mechanism of Speech; Bell's Physiological Alphabet; Practical Management of the Vocal Organs; Declamation; Vocal Gymnastics.

SECOND TERM. Opens January 8, Closes May 16, 1877.

Subjects of Instruction: Culture of the Speaking-Voice; Theory of the Correction of Stammering and other defects of speech; Practical Management of the Vocal Organs; Vocal Gymnastics; Declamation; Impromptu Speaking upon subjects to be chosen for debate by members of the class.

Text-Books: Bell's Principles of Speech; Bell's Standard Elocutionist.

Expenses: Terms for the full course, \$100. One-half payable at the beginning of each term.

III. Class for Deaf Articulators.

Conducted by A. Graham Bell, assisted by members of the Senior Class for Articulation Teachers. The full course of instruction extends from January 8th to May 16th, 1877, and

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consists of one hour's instruction daily in Articulation and Lip-Reading. Members of this class are expected to have some proficiency in the art of Lip-Reading, as instruction will be given orally. Terms for the course, \$50, payable in advance. Members of this class who desire instruction in other branches of education than Articulation and Lip-Reading, can obtain it by applying to Graduates of the School of Vocal Physiology.

IV. Class for Deaf Mutes.

Conducted by Mr. Bell, assisted by members of the Senior Class for Articulation Teachers. The full course of instruction extends from January 8th to May 16th, 1877, and consists of one hour's instruction daily in Articulation and Lip-Reading.

Terms for the course \$50, payable in advance. Private instruction can be obtained in all branches of education from competent teachers connected with the School of Vocal Physiology.

A private school for deaf children is to be opened by Miss Abbie A. Locke, Graduate of the School of Vocal Physiology. For particulars, address Miss Locke, 751 Tremont St., Boston.

V. Private Instruction

Given to Stammerers and others with defects of speech. Young children, if stammerers, will not be received as pupils unless accompanied by some older person who can carry out Mr. Bell's instructions practically at home. It is also advisable in such cases that attendance at school be discontinued during the course of instruction, as the nervousness attending oral recitation before a class is apt to interfere with the progress of the pupil in mastering his defect. Parents of stammering children can be set in communication with teachers of articulation competent to carry on privately the education of their child. Terms for private instruction in articulation, \$50 per course of twelve lessons, payable in advance.

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Arrangements can be made for Lectures, to be delivered in schools and colleges. For terms, &c., apply to A. Graham Bell.

Principals of Institutions for the Deaf, parents of deaf children, and parents of children with backward or defective speech, can be set in communication with competent teachers of articulation.

Graduates and Undergraduates of the School of Vocal Physiology are requested to inform Mr. Bell of any change in their address, and to notify him when they are out of employment.

All of Prof. A. Melville Bell's works upon speech can be obtained upon application to Mr. James P. Burbank, Salem, Mass.

LIST OF GRADUATES AND UNDERGRADUATES OF THE SCHOOL OF VOCAL PHYSIOLOGY

GRADUATES.

Bond, Miss Annie E. Boston. (Class of '74–5.)

Crane, Mr. Edward B. Boston. (Class of '75–6.)

Crozier, Mrs. M. L. Charlestown, Mass. (Class of '75–6.)

Farrant, Miss Isabel, Salem, Mass. (Class '75–6.)

Fuller, Miss Sarah, Newton Lower Falls, Mass. (Class of '74–5.)

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* Specially qualified to give instruction in the cultivation of the voice.

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Jones, Miss Julia A. Westfield, Mass. (Class of '75–6.)

* Locke, Miss Abbie A. Buffalo, N.Y. (Class of '74–5.)

Mack, Miss Annie E. Belmont, Mass. (Class of '75–6.)

Rich, Miss Alice, Boston. (Class of '75–6.)

UNDERGRADUATES.

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† Is believed to be a fully qualified teacher of articulation, and has completed the full course of instruction, but was unable to attend the examination of the graduating class, and so is considered as an undergraduate.

Butterfield, Mr. L. A. Boston. (Junior Class '75–6.)

† Crane, Mrs. H. K. Boston. (Junior Class '75–6.)

Fish, Miss Emmeline D. Boston. (Junior Class '75–6.)

Forristall, Miss L. R. Chelsea, Mass. (Junior Class '75–6.)

Jordan, Miss Sarah, Newton L. Falls, Mass. (Jun. Class '75–6.)

Littlefield, Miss S. E. East Boston. (Senior Class '75–6.)

McGann, Miss Hattie, Belleville, Ont. (Senior Class '75–6.)

Stone, Miss F. M. Belmont. (Junior Class '75–6.)

White, Miss Manilla, Boston. (Junior Class '75–6.)

Williams, Miss D. N. Boston Highlands. (Junior Class '75–6.)

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Williams, Miss K. D. Boston Highlands. (Junior Class '75–6.)

† Worcester, Miss Alice, Thetford, Vt. (Junior Class '75–6.)

Mr. A. Graham Bell's Card of Terms.

Private Instruction. Vocal Physiology, Defects of Speech, Elocution, &c.

A Single Lesson in any department, \$5.00

A Course of Twelve Lessons, \$50.00

Instruction of the Deaf in Speech, *Including the general education of very young pupils,*

Per Annum, \$500.00

Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb, *Including the mastery of Visible Speech, with the privilege of attending the Deaf Classes, and learning practically the methods of instruction,*

The Complete Course, \$500.00

In cases where Teachers can spend only a limited time in Boston, the terms are modified, as follows:

Per Week, \$50.00

Per Month, \$150.00

The Fees are payable in advance.

Deaf pupils entering by the year, pay quarterly in advance.

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